



Challenging an ASA Course

If you have sailing experience, but don't have the ASA prerequisite, you can "challenge" the prerequisite course. For example, if your skills match those of Basic Sailing (ASA101) and you want to gain Basic Coastal Cruising (ASA103) skills and certification, you would sign up for ASA 103 and challenge ASA 101. Here are details.

- The prerequisite needed for each course is on our website. If you have US Sailing certification, it is *not* transferable. You would need to "challenge" the equivalent ASA course in order to get ASA certified.
- Review the "Skills" portion of the curriculum, for the course you are challenging, to assure you have the required skills. If you don't possess all the skills, you *cannot* challenge (the only skills you may not have are Man Overboard or Heaving to, as these are specific to ASA. Those can be reviewed in the course you are taking).
- Prepare for the written exam with the text for the course you are challenging.
ASA 101: Sailing Made Easy by ASA
ASA 103: Coastal Cruising Made Easy by ASA
ASA 104: Bareboat Cruising Made Easy by ASA
You can order the texts at the [ASA store](#), Amazon or from your library. They are also available on through iTunes and iBooks.
- Review the "Knowledge" section of the curriculum, for the course you are challenging. This is the best way to prepare, since the written exams are streamlined off this section.
- On your course, the instructor will assess your skills for the level you are challenging.
- The cost to challenge a level of certification is \$110 for ASA101 and \$75 for ASA103 or ASA104 course. Prepare to take the written exam for the level you are challenging *on the afternoon before your course*. Exams are closed book and a score of 80% or better is required to pass.

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